

**Demand Response/Energy Efficiency Working Group**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 20, 2005**

**1. ComEd presentation**

- a. Ms. Howes used a power point slide handout. This will represent the minutes for her presentation.
- b. Questions
  - i. When would ComEd issue its RFP for energy efficiency and demand response proposals if the plans were to be in place by early 2007?
    - 1. ComEd expects that an RFP would be issues nine to twelve months prior to implementation. Given the timeline, an RFP will likely be issued in the first quarter of 2006. ComEd envisions a series of RFPs rather than one large RFP for all energy efficiency projects.
    - 2. ComEd is still considering whether ComEd or a third party arbiter should administer the RFP.
  - ii. What is happening in other jurisdictions?
    - 1. Consultants have conducted a best practices study. The consultants looked at residential and non-residential programs in Oregon, California, and Massachusetts. Consultants found a bias toward reducing kilowatt-hours rather than demand.
  - iii. What is happening with program development? There are analyses of programs that looked like a good program but were ineffective. Is ComEd planning on cherry picking the programs that have been demonstrated to be effective?
    - 1. ComEd does not plan to recreate the wheel. There will be at least an attempt to identify programs that have been effective in other jurisdictions and implement those programs in ComEd's service territory. Nevertheless, ComEd expects that some programs will be more successful than others. ComEd is considering three year terms for energy efficiency programs to provide an evaluation opportunity.

**2. Ameren Companies**

- a. Mssrs. Lovett and Voytas used a power point slide handout. This will represent the minutes for their presentation.
- b. Questions
  - i. What is Ameren's targeted costs of meeting goals related to energy efficiency and demand response?
    - 1. Ameren does not have an estimate of the costs to meet targeted energy efficiency and demand response goals at this time.

- ii. Energy Efficiency and Demand Response contractors need long-term contracting with utilities not alternative retail electric suppliers. There is not enough stability in the market to gain certainty over project cost recovery from alternative suppliers.
- iii. What is happening in Ameren's Illinois service territories with respect to energy efficiency evaluations and recommendations?
  - 1. Ameren has not energy efficiency evaluation programs in Illinois but there are building codes that require energy efficiency measures to be undertaken.
- iii. A combination of price response and direct load control programs could be beneficial. Direct load control programs are simple to administer and result in system benefits.
- iv. Under what circumstances do market price curtailment programs kick in?
  - 1. Market price curtailment kicks in when price is high enough to provide an incentive to reduce load. If prices are \$1,000 per megawatt hour, then there will likely be a corresponding demand reduction. If prices are in the \$100 per megawatt hours like last summer, then very little demand response will take place.
- v. How will Ameren measure the response and whether demand response programs meet stated goals?
  - 1. Ameren is still in the process of determining how to develop metrics to measure the impact of demand response programs. Generally, if the system reaches a peak, then one would expect a demand reduction; however, measurement is not an exact science.